



The Good Fight of Faith!

Part 8

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1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you testified so well to your faith before many witnesses.

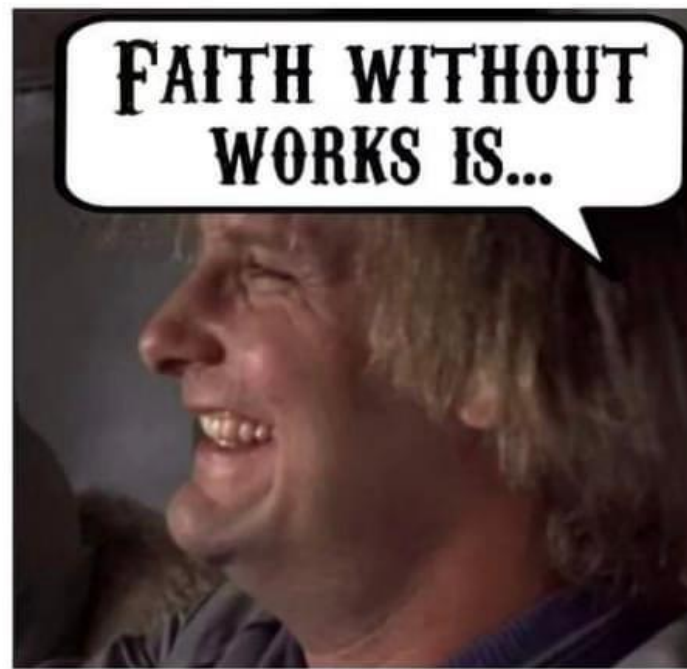
1 Timothy 1:18 This charge, son Timothy, I put to you, in keeping with the prophecies already made about you, so that by these prophecies you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (Faith) and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust (Faith);

Faith is a process:

- The process of faith!
- It must be fought for, you must see it through to the end.
- It requires “faithfulness” aka continued perseverance, obedience and belief...
- It requires a word or promise from God to have “faith” and “hope” in.
- Faith is NOT:
 - A magic word, if I say the right “phrase” etc...
 - A snap of the fingers or instantaneous
 - Or a magic wand for you to use at your leisure
 - It's not a “one and done” “belief only” – faith requires “action” **James 2:14-26**

Faith as a Meme:

- James 2:17-18 Thus, faith by itself, unaccompanied by actions, is dead. But someone will say that you have faith and I have actions. Show me this faith of yours without the actions, and I will show you my faith by my actions!



Recap:

- Process of Faith examples: Gentiles/Israel **Deut 32:21, Rom 11:11 = Eph 3:1-12.**
- The 430 process of faith through Abraham: **Gen 15:13-16 = Exo 12:41.**
- **1Cor 13:12-13:** 3. Faith (Action) – 2. Hope (Vision/Desire) – 1. Love (Motive).
- **John 11** Raising Lazarus: Love **John 5:19**, Hope **v1-4**, Faith **v41** release **v43.**
- Satan is rendered “ineffective” **Hebrews 2:14-15** – He relies on ignorance.
See also **Jam 4:7, 1Pet 5:7-8, 2 Cor 10:5-7 & Eph 6:10-18**
- The Power of Confession **Num 13 & 14.** We get what we confess.
- Forget non of His benefits: **Psa 103:1-6** Pending Torah observance **Psa 103:18.**
- Spiritual mind battle for truth: 4 steps of **2Cor 10:3-5** (See **Gen 3 & Mat 4**).
- To walk out Gods will in faith, we must be hearing from Him through the Spirit! (**1Cor 2:10**) (**Heb 12:1-2, Rom 10:17, Deut 8:3, Luke 8:21 & 11:28**).—
- The fight is to “keep” what already belongs to us: **2Tim 4:6-8.**

Recap:

- It's the “Good” fight of faith! Good “tov טוב” means functioning in our calling and purpose. If we are in it, we can win it! **1Cor 10:13**.
- A steady confession displaces all doubts cast by the enemy! **Heb 10:23**.
- Confession means (Greek **Homo-Logia**) “**Same Word**” when we confess the written word the spirit is giving us, or the word of God through the Spirit we have Power through Him – **Heb 1:1-3**. We have no “authority” of our own.
- Yeshua is the Cohan HaGadol of our confession: **Heb 3:1 = Deut 20:1-4!**
- Satan attempts to delay the word from God: **Daniel 10:11-13**
- Winning means were following in Messiahs victory He won for us! We simply maintain our faith in him: **1John 5:3-5 & 1Pet 5:8-9**.



Recap:

- God uses us because He gave us authority/dominion **Gen 1:26-27 & Psa 8:3-9**
- God's long-term plan for Abraham's walk of Faith: **Gal 3:15-16 & 3:26-29**
- God finds us (Mercy & Grace) not on our merit: **Josh 24:2-3**
- Faith leads us to “cross-over” (Hebrew) from death to life: **John 5:24 & Gen 12:1**
Separates from worldly influences so we can be influenced by him.
- Ups & Downs of the walk: Separation, Easy Stages, Discouragement: **Gen 12:9-13**
- God's immediate moves make sense! Bring stability! Even if we walk imperfectly, He will continue to bless us. Just don't “give up” **Gen 13:1-2**
- Once your Household is in order (Your sphere of influence) **Acts 16:31 & Joshua 24:15** He may bring you amongst the wicked **Gen 12:6-8** (Cloud of separation)
- It's important to maintain your relationship with God & check in! **Gen 12:7-8 & Gen 13:8**

Release of Faith

Gen 17:1-6 When Avram was 99 years old Adonai appeared to Avram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai [God Almighty]. Walk in my presence and be pure-hearted. I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will increase your numbers greatly." Avram fell on his face, and God continued speaking with him: "As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. Your name will no longer be Avram [exalted father], but your name will be Abraham [father of many], because I have made you the father of many nations. I will cause you to be very fruitful. I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you.

Before all of this, God had been cultivating a hope within Abraham for years!

1. Release of Faith (Difference between a promise and a statement of Faith).
2. Fight of Faith
3. Manifestation/Realization of the promise from God

Release of Faith

Gen 17:15-19 God said to Avraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are not to call her Sarai [mockery]; her name is to be Sarah [princess]. I will bless her; moreover, I will give you a son by her. Truly I will bless her: she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." At this Avraham fell on his face and laughed — he thought to himself, "Will a child be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah give birth at ninety?" Avraham said to God, "If only Yishma`el could live in your presence!" God answered, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you are to call him Yitz'chak [laughter]. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

Gen 17:21 But I will establish my covenant with Yitz'chak, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year."

- A word from God, is something for use to **confess** and build Faith around! — 9
Something we fight for. (**Homologia**).

Essentials for the Fight

God gave them two things:

1. Something to believe in (You will have a son; Sarah will be the mother)
2. Something to say (Avram to Avraham, Sari to Sarah) Confirmation belief.

Rom 10:8-11 What, then, does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." — that is, the word about trust which we proclaim, namely, that if you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be delivered. For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness, while with the mouth one keeps on making public acknowledgement and thus continues toward deliverance. For the passage quoted says that everyone who rests his trust on him will not be humiliated.

“Yeshua is Lord” & “Yeshua is raised from the dead” Those are FACTS!

Essentials for the Fight

- They didn't care if others thought it strange that after 99 years you change your name.
- This was their "confession of faith". "Something to Believe" (Promise)
- They believe what God said. "Something to Say" (Confession/Name)
- They knew how this principle worked.
- God always gives us something to believe and something to say.
- Where we get into trouble is when we try to say something we aren't sure of and/or God did not give us that thing to believe.
- "Copycat faith" When we don't hear, because we don't have a relationship with the Lord! Imagin Abraham's walk without Gods voice

A Covenantal Process

- Abram “Exalted Father”
- Abraham “Father of Many Nations” (Av Ara Hamon) Father of a Multitude
- Abraham remarried after Sarah and gave birth to other nations!
- Scripture says he was reproductively dead at age 99 – He couldn’t father
- God regenerated his body!
- Sari “My Princess”
- Sarah “A Princess” (National Princess)
- Sar (Prince) Czar Nebuchadnezzar Kaiser etc... Royalty
- “Sar Shalom” Yeshua descends from Abraham!
- This “name change” is also our fight of faith: **Rev 2:17** & **Rev 3:12**

Abraham – Our example

Rom 4:16-22 For this reason it depends on faith, so that the promise according to grace might be guaranteed to all the offspring—not only to those of the Torah but also to those of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”). He is our father in the sight of God in whom he had faith, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence that which does not exist. In hope beyond hope, he had faith that he would become the father of many nations according to what was spoken—“So shall your descendants be.” And without becoming weak in faith, he considered his own body—as good as dead, since he was already a hundred years old—and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. Yet he did not waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God. Rather, he was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God. He was fully convinced that what God has promised, He also is able to do. That is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Abraham – Our example

- Abraham was growing in faith for a number of years, but his faith that enabled him to realize Isaac wasn't ready for full operation until he was 99 years old!
- At 99 he had been walking with God in the land of Canaan for 24 years, he has seen God's promise of faithfulness come to pass, he's now ready.
- God is always leading in steps...
- God waited until the situation was hopeless! (impotence/age). **Heb 11:11-12**
- Abraham's fight of faith was a year. 24 years of building hope & faith prior.
- This is preparation!

Gen 17:21-22 But My covenant will I establish with Isaac whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time next year. When He finished speaking with him, God went up from Abraham.

God Releases Faith by Speaking

- If God doesn't speak, there is no release of faith!
- God has to speak in order for there to be faith!
- When God wants to change a natural condition, he releases faith through speaking (creative powers).

Gen 17:5, Heb 1:2-3, Heb 2:3, John 1:1-3, John 1:14, Col 1:15-16, Rev 4:11

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen did not come from anything visible.

Rom 4:17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations"). He is our father in the sight of God in whom he had faith, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence that which does not exist.

The Resurrection Foreshadowed

- The Abrahamic Covenant was to be based upon the Resurrection of the dead!
- This is why God held off so long on the promise of Isaac. He wanted them to be dead reproductively. He could no longer father, she could no longer conceive. (He could have done this while they were still younger!)

Heb 11:11-12 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive when she was barren and past the age, since she considered the One who had made the promise to be faithful. So from one—and him as good as dead—were fathered offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and as uncountable as the sand on the seashore.

- God ends with Resurrecting us from the dead, he began a nation of faith through Abraham through a Resurrection (Reproductively Dead)
- Examples: Mark 5:35-42 He tells her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up.”

“and calls into existence that which does not exist.” Rom 4:17

The Resurrection Foreshadowed

Joh 11:41-43 So they rolled away the stone. Yeshua lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me; but because of this crowd standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.” And when He had said this, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

- Note Yeshua points to the source of the Miracle and spoken release of faith, namely God. Giving thanks to Him. And he saw God doing it first (God planted a hope within him to do this). **John 11:4**
- Again “calls into existence that which does not exist.” **Rom 4:17**
- A spoken word from God!

The Resurrection Foreshadowed

Heb 11:17-19 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had received the promises was offering up his one and only son—the one about whom it was said, “Through Isaac offspring shall be named for you.” He reasoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead—and in a sense, he did receive him back from there.

- Yeshua’s word activates the Holy Spirit:

Rom 8:10-11 But if Messiah is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Ruach of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Ruach who dwells in you.

The Resurrection Foreshadowed

John 5:25-29 Amen, amen I tell you, an hour is coming and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of Ben-Elohim.

Those who hear will live! For just as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. Also He has given the Son authority to judge, because He is the Son of Man. “Do not be amazed at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out! Those who have done good will come to a resurrection of life, and those who have done evil will come to a resurrection of judgment.

The Resurrection Foreshadowed

- Yeshua says the dead are raised by a word from Him! John 5:25-29
- God resurrects through HIS words!
- And since Abraham & Sarah had reproductively dead bodies, the way God chose to resurrect them was through words!

Gen 17:5 Your name will no longer be Avram [exalted father], but your name will be Avraham [father of many], because I have made you the father of many nations.

Gen 17:15 God said to Avraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are not to call her Sarai [mockery]; her name is to be Sarah [princess]."

Victories in Faith!

- All victories of faith come when:

1. We have something to believe (From God)

2. Something to confess (Say) (From God)

- (Homologia – Same Words).

- These words are most commonly delivered through the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). **1Cor 2:10-12**

The Good Fight

1Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you testified so well to your faith before many witnesses.

- Whether our fight is for holding onto our Salvation and Resurrection, healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out Demons, or awaiting a promise. It has to be through a spoken word from God!



Shabbat Shalom

QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

PART 9 WILL FOLLOW!

